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In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute species I, directed to the embodiment of Figure 2 and as further identified in species group A, wherein each water passage has the shape of a circle. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-15 and 17-20 read on the elected species.

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